

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device for stowing tools, said device comprising a container ~~(1)~~ serving to receive said tools and closure means complementary to said container ~~(1)~~, said closure means also being means for taking hold of the container ~~(1)~~, said tool stowage device being characterized in that said closure means comprise a horizontal plane portion ~~(4)~~ and at least two vertical flanges ~~(5)~~, said vertical flanges ~~(5)~~ serving as means for taking hold of the container and co-operating with said plane portion ~~(4)~~ to form unclipping opening means that are actuated by pressing on said vertical flanges ~~(5)~~ as if pressing on a clothes peg.

2. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said tools are drill bits, reamers, pivots, or dental implants.

3. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said plane

portion ~~(4)~~ serves as means for expelling said container ~~(1)~~ during opening by unclipping.

4. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to claim 1, 2, or 3, characterized in that wherein said container ~~(1)~~ is provided, on at least an open one of its faces, with at least two tongues ~~(2)~~ serving to engage in slideway means.

5. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to claim 4, characterized in that wherein said tongues ~~(2)~~ are of width enabling them to receive inscriptions.

6. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to claim 4 or claim 5, characterized in that wherein said container ~~(1)~~ presents a female portion ~~(8)~~, and the lid presents a male portion, said male portion being designed to engage in said female portion ~~(8)~~ when the device is closed, and to serve as means for blocking sliding of the lid relative to the container while the device is being opened by sliding.

7. *(Currently amended)* A tool stowage device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 6, characterized in that wherein said container ~~(1)~~ is provided with at least one orifice ~~(9)~~ in one of its closed faces.

8. (Currently amended) A tool stowage device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein said lid is made of a transparent material.

9. (Currently amended) A tool stowage device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 8, characterized in that wherein said lid is made of a plastics material.

10. (Currently amended) A tool stowage device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 9, characterized in that wherein said lid is made of a semi-rigid material.

11. (Currently amended) A tool stowage device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 10, characterized in that wherein each of said vertical portions (5) of said lid presents non-slip means (6) over at least a portion of its surface.

12. (Currently amended) A box (10) provided with an opening/closure system, characterized in that it is provided with having at least one recess (11) serving to receive a device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 11.

13. (Currently amended) A box (10) according to claim 12, characterized in that wherein the edges (2) of said container (1) are means for retaining the container (1) in said recesses (11).

14. (Currently amended) A box ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims claim 12 to 13, characterized in that wherein said edges ~~(2)~~ present raising means ~~(14)~~ for raising the container ~~(1)~~ relative to the surface of said box ~~(10)~~.

15. (Currently amended) A box ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims claim 12 to 14, characterized in that wherein each of said vertical portions ~~(5)~~ of said lid has a bottom portion ~~(13)~~ that is circularly arcuate in shape.

16. (Currently amended) A box ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims claim 12 to 15, characterized in that wherein said bottom portions ~~(13)~~ of said vertical portions ~~(5)~~ are of length less than or equal to the depth of said container ~~(1)~~.

17. (Currently amended) A box ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims claim 12 to 16, characterized in that wherein said box ~~(10)~~ is provided with at least one orifice in one of its faces.